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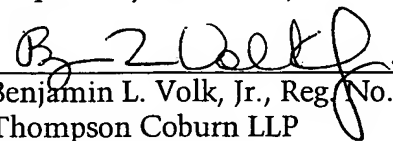
Pending in the application at the time of the November 22, 2004 Office Action were claims 32-35. By this amendment, (1) claims 32 and 34 have been canceled, (2) claim 33 has been amended into independent form by incorporating all of the limitations of its parent claim, (3) claim 35 has been amended to depend from claim 33, and (4) and claims 36 and 37 have been added. Support for new claims 36 and 37 can be found throughout the application, e.g., see page 6, line 21 through page 7, line 2. By this amendment, the pending claims in this application are claims 33 and 35-37.

The Office Action rejected claim 33 under section 112 for indefiniteness because it depended from claim 34, which depended upon itself. Applicant respectfully submits that the current amendment overcomes this rejection because amended claim 33 is now in independent form. Applicant further submits that the indefiniteness rejection of claim 35 is overcome by virtue of its amendment to depend from amended claim 33.

In response to the objections to the drawings, Applicant has amended Figure 2(b) such that reference numeral 240a is added to label the picture at Figure 2(b)(i) and reference numeral 240b is added to label the picture at Figure 2(b)(iv). Support for amended Figure 2(b) can be found at page 10, lines 13-14. Furthermore, in connection with Figure 5, Applicant has amended page 19, line 7 to add a reference to page 515. Based on the context of the discussion of Figure 5 in the specification, it is clear that the list "512, 513, 514, etc." was meant to include a reference to 515.

It is believed that the rejection of claim 32 for obviousness has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claim 32. Therefore, by this response, Applicant respectfully submits that all rejection and objections have been addressed and overcome and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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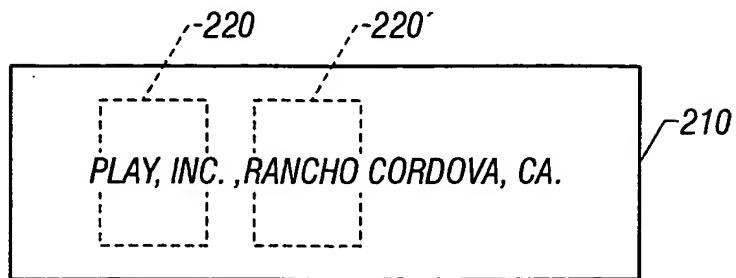
Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 2B. This sheet, which includes Fig. 2A and Fig. 2B, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 2A and Fig. 2B. In Fig. 2B, previously omitted elements 240a and 240b have been added.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

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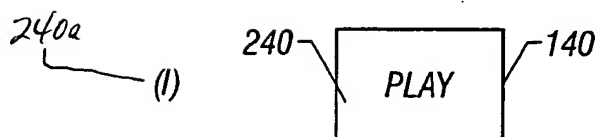


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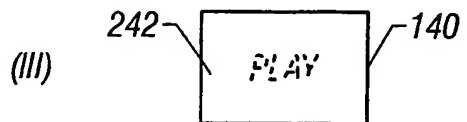
FIG. 2A



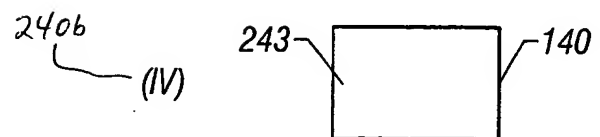
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FIG. 2B